



City of Santa Barbara
**Infrastructure Financing Taskforce
Meeting**

September 4, 2008
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Franklin Center Conference Room
1136 East Montecito Street

City Staff Members

James L. Armstrong
City Administrator
Robert D. Peirson
Director of Finance
Christine F. Andersen
Public Works Director
Paul A. Casey
Community Development Director
Jill Taura
Treasury Manager
Kathy Kefauver
Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen
Administrative Analyst

City Council Liaison

Roger L. Horton
Councilmember
Finance Committee, Chair

Committee Members

Richard Jensen, *Chair*
Stephen Kurtzer, *Vice-Chair*
W. Scott Burns
Robert Geis
Renee Grubb
Dudley Morris
Frank Schipper

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:51 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Richard Jensen
Scott Burns, Robert Geis, Renee Grubb, Dudley Morris

Members Absent

Robert Geis
Frank Schipper

Staff Present

Robert D. Peirson, Finance Director
Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director
Paul Casey, Community Development Director
Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager
Kathy Kefauver, Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen, Administrative Analyst

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of minutes for August 21, 2008.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Franklin Community Center Presentation

Sarah Hanna, Recreation Manager, gave a presentation on the history of the center and the arrangements with the Santa Barbara School District and Santa Barbara County for the Franklin Community Center. Fifty percent of the facility is operated by the County and provides medical services for the neighborhood. The County recently invested \$1 million dollars in the facility and a new extended lease was negotiated for 10 years with a 10-year renewal option. During the remodel the County moved the mental health services out of the facility in order to provide more room for medical services. As part of the remodeling, the City also made accessibility improvements to the facility, restrooms and the areas managed by the City. The space that the City manages is leased out to non-profit organizations at a reduced rate and provides additional services to the community.

Sarah also talked about the other community centers that Recreation operates. The Taskforce asked if Recreation received the funds from the leases and rentals of the facilities. Sarah explained that the money goes to the General Fund and helps to pay for other recreation programs, such as Teen and Adaptive programs. The Recreation programs have an approximate return rate of 40%.

The Taskforce talked about having the funds raised at the facilities allocated back to the facilities for maintenance and capital. They also wondered why the program was called "Recreation" when it is responsible for community services. They also wanted to know what the ratio of "recreation" facilities was to "community" facilities in terms of maintenance and on going needs.

5. Parks and Recreation Capital Projects and Organization

This information was discussed with item four.

6. Results and discussion on interviews

Renee Grubb gave the Taskforce an update on the interviews that had been held and that there was one more that afternoon with Das Williams. The response has been good and Councilmembers have mentioned ideas like working more with the County on joint services, wanting regular updates on capital and understanding the capacity of the City's electronic infrastructure.

7. Report Discussion

The Taskforce talked about their recommendations and making sure that it matched the charge. They also talked about if the City has a plan for when the Redevelopment Agency "sunsets." Discussion was held about raising taxes and fiscal discipline on the part of the City. The Taskforce talked about the importance of having revenue streams dedicated to infrastructure so that it didn't appear that the City had "extra" money.

Staff will continue to work on the report and incorporate the charts and graphics.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.